COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Haywood County

North Carolina · Waynesville · FIPS 37087 · Population 62,152 · Crosodo Index #2746*

STATE BASELINE	STATE TIER	ANNUAL SALES CAP (STATE)	CONFIDENCE	LAST VERIFIED
02 NCAC 9C.0307	Good	—	MEDIUM	2026-10-06

IMPORTANT — NOT LEGAL ADVICE

This report compiles publicly-available statutes, regulations, and county zoning rules into a research reference. It is **not legal advice** and is provided **without warranty** as to accuracy, completeness, or current applicability.

Cottage food law changes frequently. Counties may amend zoning, health departments may issue new permits, and state legislatures may update statutes after the publication date shown above. **Always verify rules directly with your state department of health/agriculture and your county health and planning offices before relying on them for any business or regulatory decision.** Consult a licensed attorney for advice specific to your situation.

How to start — 60-second path

Haywood County, North Carolina — permit, pickup, and label steps before the full county rules.

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?	STATE SALES CAP
Yes	—
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?	ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
Varies	Conditional
INSPECTION	PETS
Yes	**Pets in the home DISQUALIFY the applicant entirely from the NC Home Processor program**

BEFORE YOU SELL FROM THIS ADDRESS

- ☐ **1. Menu** — Confirm each product under North Carolina cottage food rules (county cannot expand a state ban).
- ☐ **2. Pickup & zoning** — Home occupation and porch pickup cells above; HOA/lease may still block customer traffic.
- ☐ **3. Local tax / license** — Business license or sales tax certificate if your city/parish requires it (common even with no state food permit).
- ☐ **4. Training** — Food handler or state registration before market day.
- ☐ **5. Labels** — Disclaimer, allergens, ingredients, net quantity, producer info.
- ☐ **6. Call if unclear** — County health and planning for your exact address.

LABEL FIELDS TO INCLUDE

- ☐ Product name · producer name · address (or allowed alternative)
- ☐ Ingredients by weight · major allergens · net weight/quantity
- ☐ North Carolina home-kitchen disclaimer (see live label one-pager)

CONTINUE ONLINE

Open the live county page →

North Carolina label one-pager →

Print labels for your first market →

Local notes & questions →

Planning path only — not legal advice. Rules change. Always verify with state and local offices before selling.

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QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?
Yes (NC requires annual inspection by NCDA&CS. Pets in the home disqualify applicants. Kitchen must meet GMP requirements. No sales cap.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?
No

PETS ALLOWED?
Pets in the home DISQUALIFY the applicant entirely from the NC Home Processor program

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?
Varies (Haywood County is in the western NC mountains near Great Smoky Mountains National Park. No specific county home occupation permit for cottage food identified. Contact Haywood County Planning at (828) 452-6642.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?
Conditional

INSPECTION REQUIRED?
Yes (Annual inspection by NCDA&CS)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes — NC requires annual inspection by NCDA&CS. Pets in the home disqualify applicants. Kitchen must meet GMP requirements. No sales cap.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Pets in the home DISQUALIFY the applicant entirely from the NC Home Processor program
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required; private well may require testing
HANDWASHING	Handwashing sink required
FOOD STORAGE	Shelf-stable low-risk foods; proper storage required

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	Yes — Annual inspection by NCDA&CS
LOCAL HEALTH / COUNTY REGISTRATION	No
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies — Haywood County is in the western NC mountains near Great Smoky Mountains National Park. No specific county home occupation permit for cottage food identified. Contact Haywood County Planning at (828) 452-6642.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct and indirect sales allowed; no sales cap; products must be shelf-stable
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No specific limit stated

Relevant county code

Contact Haywood County Planning for local zoning

RESEARCH NOTES

Haywood County is a mountain tourism county in western NC near Waynesville. NC Home Processor annual inspection required. Pets disqualify applicants. No county-specific overrides found. No county URLs in input.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

https://www.haywoodcounty.gov

https://www.ncagr.gov/divisions/food-and-drug-protection/home-processor-inspections

Questions about this county? Local notes and a place to leave a question: crosodo.com/nb/north-carolina/haywood-county-discuss

Haywood County and nearby places

Regulation	Haywood County	Jackson County	Transylvania County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	**Yes**	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	**No**	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	**Pets in the home DISQUALIFY the applicant entirely from the NC Home Processor program**	No pets allowed in the home at all — presence of pet animals in the home disqualifies the applicant under GMP requirements (21 CFR 117 Subp...	No pets allowed in the home at all — presence of pet animals in the home disqualifies the applicant under GMP requirements (21 CFR 117 Subp...
INSPECTION REQUIRED	**Yes**	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	**Conditional**	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	**Conditional**	Conditional	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	**Direct and indirect sales allowed; no sales cap; products must be shelf-stable**	Sales permitted at farms, farm stands, farmers markets, craft fairs, home delivery, and online (within NC). Indirect sales to stores permit...	Sales permitted at farms, farm stands, farmers markets, craft fairs, home delivery, and online (within NC). Indirect sales to stores permit...
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	**Varies**	Varies	Varies
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	**Varies**	Varies	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	**NC requires annual inspection by NCDA&CS. Pets in the home disqualify applicants. Kitchen must meet GMP requirements. No sales cap.**	NC state law requires annual home kitchen inspection by NCDA&CS. Pets in the home disqualify the applicant entirely. Shelf-stable, low-risk...	NC state law requires annual home kitchen inspection by NCDA&CS. Pets in the home disqualify the applicant entirely. Shelf-stable, low-risk...
FOOD STORAGE	**Shelf-stable low-risk foods; proper storage required**	Shelf-stable storage required; products must be non-refrigerated.	Shelf-stable storage required; products must be non-refrigerated.
POPULATION	**62,152**	43,985	34,385

State context — North Carolina cottage food law

Haywood County's rules sit on top of North Carolina's state cottage food framework. The state law sets the floor — counties can add but cannot remove protections.

STATUTE
02 NCAC 9C.0307

REGISTRATION REQUIRED
Yes

KITCHEN INSPECTION
Yes

INDIRECT SALES
Yes — Home processors may sell to retail stores, restaurants, and directly to consumers. Sales at farmers markets are permitted. Labels are required for wholesale and packaged self-service retail; direct hand-to-consumer sales (e.g., from home or at events) may be exempt from affixed labels if ingredient info is available on request. NC requires annual home kitchen inspection, which is unusual among no-cap states.

ANNUAL SALES CAP
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FOOD HANDLER CERT
No

DIRECT SALES ONLY
No

For the full state-level analysis including the verbatim statute text, see the **North Carolina cottage food law report** on Crosodo, or open the live guide: crosodo.com/states/north-carolina.

STATE-LEVEL REFERENCES

State statute: http://reports.oah.state.nc.us/ncac/title%2002%20-%20agriculture%20and%20consumer%20services/chapter%2009%20-%20food%20and%20drug%20protection/subchapter%20c/02%20ncac%2009c%20.0307.pdf

State dept cottage food page: https://www.ncagr.gov/divisions/food-drug-protection/food-program/fdpd-food-program-home-processer

Forrager.com: https://forrager.com/law/north-carolina/

Questions about Haywood County? Local notes and a place to leave a question are on Crosodo. We monitor new threads — start with zoning, permits, or porch pickup.

crosodo.com/nb/north-carolina/haywood-county-discuss

RESEARCH NOTES

Baker's Notes

Research notes, not a state ruling. Baker talk is what people discuss. Official pages are cited separately. Confirm before you sell.

Sell to stores (next level)

Cottage / home-kitchen exemptions are usually direct-to-consumer and not for resale into stores. Selling into retail stores typically requires a state manufactured-food (or equivalent) permit and an inspected production kitchen, plus local zoning and business licensing.

This county: We have not collected local store-shelf notes for this place yet.

Confirm with the state food agency and local planning / commissioner offices before you sell into stores. Not legal advice.

Classifieds

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NATIONAL

SUPPLIES

Advertise here — Supplies
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LOCAL

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